

CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH
FAMILY TREE
&
HOW TO RESOLVE
PROBLEMS FROM YOUR
GENERATIONAL ROOT

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Prayers before going into this book

My target for this book is Christian believers. If you are not yet born again, I would suggest that you use this opportunity to bow your head in prayer and receive Jesus Christ in to your life. If you need help, you can call any of the numbers at the end of the book. This is very important so that the book will not turn out to be a curse instead of blessing.

Having said that, it is my observation that when people venture into this kind of book, devil through his demons attack that person with intent to hinder him from reading the book or cover his mind so that he cannot understand what he has read. And if he does not understand it, how can he make use of the information? I have experiences where people called me after reading my book and asked some questions which they claim they got after reading my book. I ask them, "Which book are you reading and what subject was I discussing?" I discovered that their mind is under attack.

There are also instances when some call and begin to quarrel about something I mentioned in the passing that does not form body of any discussion. This is also Satan at work

That is why I want you to pray the following prayers passionately before you start reading.

1. Thank you Holy Spirit for bringing me in contact with this book. Lord help me see what you want me to see, in Jesus Name
2. Lord, by the power in the Name of Jesus Christ, I command that every covering over my eyes be removed now.
3. I bind every evil spirit on assignment to hinder me from seeing the secret hidden in this book in Jesus Name
4. Open my eyes to who I am spiritually and physically oh Lord.
5. Lord show me my true identity.
6. Holy Spirit I open up to you my teacher (several times)
7. I connect to the anointing released in connection to understanding this book in Jesus Name
8. I receive anointing of prayer and warfare to carry me through this study in Jesus Name
9. I cover myself with the blood of Jesus 3x
10. I cover mind with the blood of Jesus 3x

Now you are ready, you need pen and jotter by your side. You also need your bible so that you can crosscheck scriptures.

One last thing, be careful that you do not break the book into parts which will mean that you cannot connect all that you have read. Read the book more than once before you call me.

I have prayed for you.

Introduction

This is one book I wish I had read before I was fifteen years but unfortunately I first saw a book on this subject when I was more than forty five years and the author lacked a deep understanding on the subject. There was very little information on the subject and then other materials were added to build a big book. That is the bane of book making today, as practiced by American publishers. Most books stop making sense after the first three chapters.

Another book I found went out of the way to explain things the author considered profound which to me made the book lose the sense the author wanted to make. Yet, I have a task; there were several students who wanted to understand the subject. That means I have to find the answers myself by whatever means. I am not supposing I have done a great job but what you have in your hands are my findings.

Everything you will ever know, be or achieve is determined by what the condition of your family tree is and your attitude to events on your family tree. God made man without trouble but man drew trouble into his world when he disobeyed God. Since then man and his environment have not known peace.

Whatever is the case, family tree is the study that every person, whether religious or infidel needs to know something about. I have taken time to be very practical. I advise that my reader should also have a mindset that he is not going to find very deep things in this book but common things which he perhaps overlooked over the years.

This book is on spiritual warfare and it is the first subject we discuss in the School for Deliverance and Spiritual Warfare. It will seem like this book made mention of curses and problems more than blessings; the reason is that it was written to help those in need not to celebrate people that have succeeded. Jesus called for those who are laden and oppressed that He might give them rest. That is also my goal in writing this book.

There are assignments and prayer patterns; as with all my books, I have only created a guide to help my readers find their way as they do their thing. If you can read this book as a group and use it for group discussion, you will likely benefit more.

Good reading!

Chapter One

Introduction to the Family Tree

Man did not evolve from apes as some postulate. The bible gives convincing proof that human race originated from a family. Taking a look at other animals will strengthen this point. God created man and established the family for man to raise up children. Children gave birth to grandchildren and it continues. The first two brothers were not able to live in harmony, so that Cain killed his blood brother. That led to God placing a curse on him. The children of Cain inherited curses instead of the blessing God had pronounced on their ancestors. As time went on Adam had another son called Seth, who took a different course of life and brought forth children who were to inherit blessings. But his children mingled with those of Cain and turned a bad leave. Judgment came and human race was wiped out leaving only Noah and his family. Noah was god-fearing but one of his three sons did something bad and Noah cursed him. The curse was to affect his generations after him. There were those who did something good that affected their generations just like Abraham and David. How the members of any family turn out is determined by the family tree.

Family tree is the orderly recorded genealogical account of a family. The author of the gospel of Matthew started his account of Jesus Christ by first presenting His genealogical data. In doing this, the author wishes to introduce who his chief character was. This further tells his readers what to expect from the character in focus and to observe to know if He lives up to expectation.

There is family chart which is built like a company chart which presents the same information but the family tree structure we will use is better than these because families don't start from the top. The Tree pattern is better in that it explains how the roots determine the state of the tree and the fruits they bear. This study is very important in deliverance and spiritual warfare. Not only here but in every other effort to help mankind, it is important to know what their real identity is. Medical practice and criminologists rely on such data as they try to understand their subject and how to deal with them. In medicine, the doctor will want to know the common traits in the family of the patient, whether there are diseases that run in their family, their blood groupings, genotype and other factors which determine their predisposition.

In the School for Deliverance and Spiritual Warfare, we train our students to see the need to have a data; what to hold to as a basis as we minister to clients. The world has advanced and the gospel minister should be able to prove that he is also developing himself according to current trend. Doctors, lawyers, engineers and business people have data. These are the people the

deliverance minister attends to. It should not be seen that the minister is just operating on trial and error. So in this school, we practice and teach what is known as Scientific Deliverance and Spiritual Warfare.

On the matter of Family Tree, it is pertinent to note that a tree can change its leaves several times and even the main stem and develop another one. But the tree will rarely survive once the roots are cut off. The health or otherwise of a tree is determined by the roots. The resources the root sends to the tree are what are seen in the state of the tree that subsequently reflects in the state of the fruits. Note too that children are referred to as "Fruits of the womb".

So in looking at this discussion, we are in essence taking a study that we will never exhaust in life. It is the foundation for all the issues we will ever meet in this school or life. Prosperity or poverty, strength or weakness, wise or foolish, success or failure; all are reflected on the family.

One would wonder then if this is a futile venture which will end in showing you how hopeless you are in the course of life. This is what occult societies and those who teach karma suggest. Fortunately, the Christian faith is not like that. God through the Lord Jesus redeemed mankind from such hopelessness when Jesus laid down His life on the cross. From that point believers in Christ cease to be puppets in the hands of forces of nature. Rather through the power of the Holy Spirit they have ability to take charge of their life and turn their destiny to a positive direction.

This is the essence of this study.

Chapter TWO

Special note -

Justification, Sanctification and Eternal Security

There are two basic Christian doctrines which seem as though they contradict themselves. Just like in other cases, emphasis on one thing without creating a balance creates its own problem. These are Sanctification and Eternal Security (Justification).

Sanctification – can be simply put as the setting apart as God’s holy and untouchable people. The Christian walk is both a crisis and a process. The Christian is already a saint because through Christ Jesus he got imputed righteousness. That means at the point he confesses Christ as his Lord and savior he receives the right to be a son of God (John 1:12-13). This is the good news, that a rejected and condemned sinner who cannot in any way earn his own salvation, can just within twinkling of an eye become a saint. He does not become a saint because of what he has done or can achieve but because he drew from the account of another – Jesus Christ. This can be typified as one who goes to the bank with a check to withdraw money he never worked for. Imagine the bank cashier challenging the man, “Hey, you poor and uneducated man, how dare you appear before me with a check? I know you very well, you are not worth this money”. What will be your response in such circumstance? Will you chicken-out and run away? Will you fall on your knees and begin to beg the cashier to have mercy on you? I will do neither of that. I will tell the cashier to obey the instruction on the check and give me the money because even though I maybe poor and illiterate, I am drawing on somebody’s account. The cashier will have to release the money not because of who I am but because of the status of the issuer of the check.

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God John 1:12-13 NIV

That is the position of the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. That is a whole bible truth. Apostle Peter in his letter, which is considered a general epistle wrote thus –

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the

Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood 1 Peter 1:1-2 NIV

It is called general epistle implying that this letter was written to believers all over the world. So if the name of your community is not there, you have the right to add it. Sanctify or sanctification means to be set apart for holy use. The Apostle says that every believer in anywhere in the world has been chosen and made holy already. NLT puts it this way –

God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:2

Paul goes further to say that the believer is in heaven already.

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast Eph 2:1-9NIV

This is the spiritual position we already have through Christ. This is truth. But this is one side of the coin. Some bible teachers suppose that the above scriptures put an end to any call to duty on the Christian in the area of attaining holiness. Some even teach that no matter what we do after, God will still welcome us in heaven. This how some define eternal security. They opine also that because of the imputed righteousness and holiness, demons and all human challenges just must flee and devil and his agents have long removed our names from the target list.

Any believer reading this should be able to say whether that view is correct.

Sanctification as a process

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess 5:23 KJV

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. 1 Thess 5:23-24 NIV

I hope you understand that the above scripture was a letter to a body of believers. To this group it was also true that they have been set apart for holy use like any other church. Yet, there is ongoing work of sanctification which the prayer says will go through the total man; his spirit, soul and body. It is this process that leads to the point of being blameless.

From the scriptures you should also take note that the Holy Spirit is the one to carry out this transforming process of sanctification in us through whatever process he considers best. The processes may include some things we call difficulties. That is not what we are talking about now.

Yet, there is a work of sanctification which the Lord leaves in our hands. The first is what God has already done. The second one is what the Holy Spirit is doing in our lives – an ongoing process that will end when we arrive in heaven. Now we come to a third one which God has put in our hands to do. This is that level which some who teach “bloated grace” neglect or even deny exists.

Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. 1 John 3:3 NIV

As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do 1 Peter 1:14-15 NIV

The next scripture paints all the images.

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope — the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. Titus 2:11-14 NIV

He purified for Himself a people but the people exist to do good works. Note that the grace is not license to do any kind of thing; it teaches us to say “No”

to ungodliness and worldly passion while we wait for Christ's return. Anyone who has this hope in him has a duty to purify himself.

How does this concern our study? There is a school of thought who believes we should not be concerned with matters of land liberation and covenant breaking. In their opinion, evil spirits will not dare to raise their head because we the saints are there. This view is not supported by scripture. Taking example from Old Testament Israel; even though they were called, chosen and empowered by God to dispossess the heathen nations in Canaan, none of those nations walked away without a kind of resistance. Even after they have taken a part of the land, the rest of the enemies waited until they were forced out.

Our enemies today are majorly spiritual but the rules remain the same. That is what is called territorial spiritual warfare. The study of family tree falls alongside spiritual warfare but we come to deliverance too because we will be dealing with individuals.

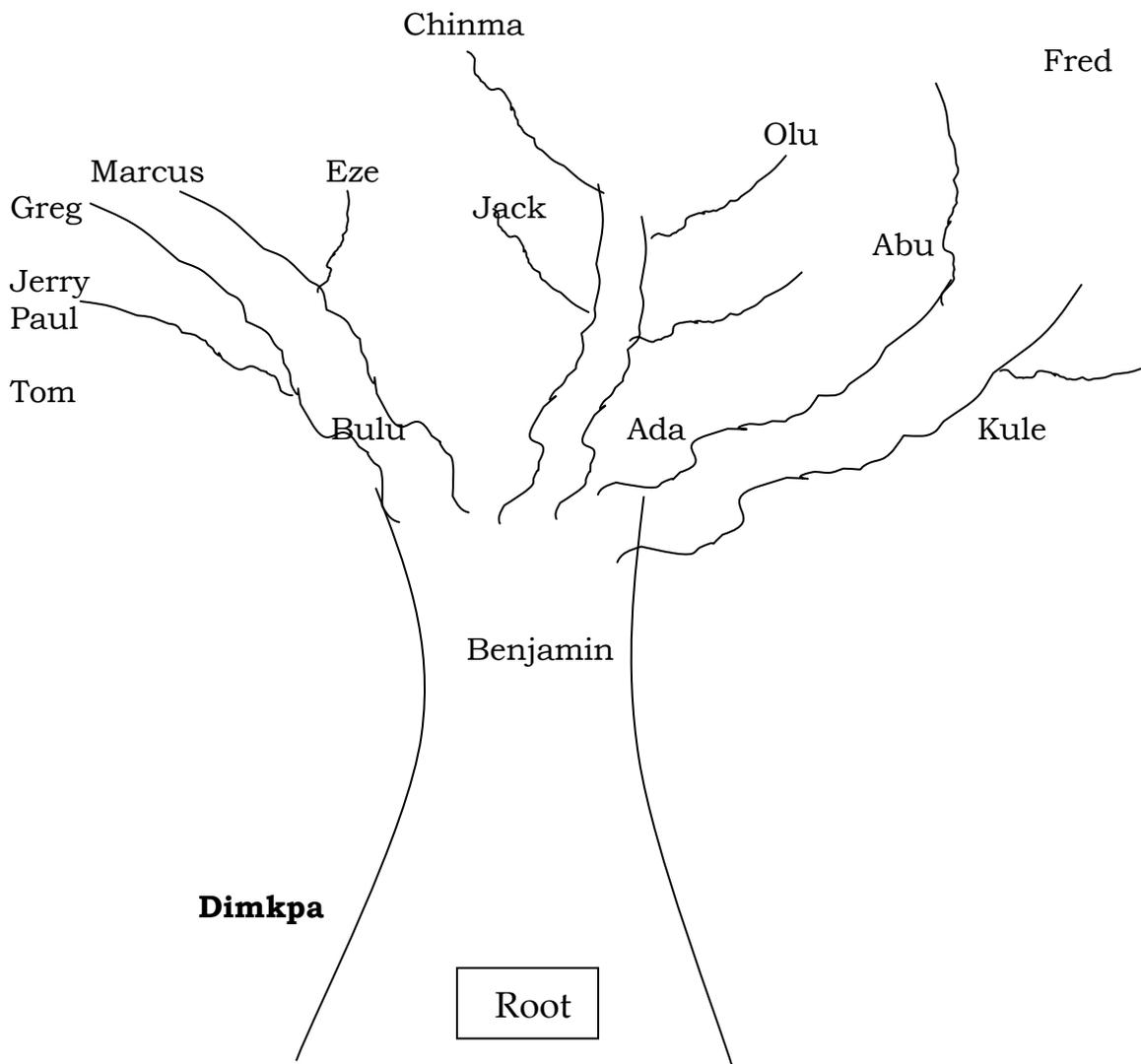
Welcome.

Chapter Three

Family tree

Family tree is an orderly record of the generational background of a person; what can be called ones ancestral background.

Consider the diagram below.



Jesus believed in family tree and posited that traits in the family tree can influence the members of this family. Matt 12:33-34.

Apostle Paul believed that traits such as faith or unbelief run in the family tree. 2 Tim 1:5

"Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. Matt 12:33-34 NIV

I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. 2 Tim 1:5-6 NIV

The diagram above shows members of Dimkpa family. By the implication of the above scriptures, we may conclude that the destiny and end of life of members of this family tree is determined by the trait in that family. If the tree is good, according to Jesus, the members of this family will bear good fruits. The reverse will be the case if the tree is bad. In the case of Timothy, we can see that somebody can live in such a way that the trait he carries is not manifest. Apostle Paul was encouraging Timothy to manifest the faith that runs in his family line.

The author of the book of Matthew believes in the doctrine of genealogy which by implication is same family tree. So his account of Jesus Christ started with tracing His genealogical lineage.

A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:

“2 Abraham was the father of Isaac,
Isaac the father of Jacob,
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,
3 Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,
Perez the father of Hezron,
Hezron the father of Ram,
4 Ram the father of Amminadab,
Amminadab the father of Nahshon,
Nahshon the father of Salmon,
5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,
Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,
Obed the father of Jesse,
6 and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,
7 Solomon the father of Rehoboam,
Rehoboam the father of Abijah,
Abijah the father of Asa,
8 Asa the father of Jehoshaphat,

Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram,
Uzziah the father of Jotham,
Jotham the father of Ahaz,
Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,
10 Hezekiah the father of Manasseh,
Manasseh the father of Amon,
Amon the father of Josiah,
11 and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

12 After the exile to Babylon:
Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel,
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,
13 Zerubbabel the father of Abiud,
Abiud the father of Eliakim,
Eliakim the father of Azor,
14 Azor the father of Zadok,
Zadok the father of Akim,
Akim the father of Eliud,
15 Eliud the father of Eleazar,
Eleazar the father of Matthan,
Matthan the father of Jacob,
16 and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

17 Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Christ.” Matt 1:1-17 NIV

Assignments :

- Using the diagram above as example build your family tree at least starting from the fourth generation. You may need to ask your parents and elderly ones questions. Please use a cardboard paper and make it as colorful as possible.
- Make a list of positive traits (good things that happen among people represented in your family tree) on one paper and negative traits (bad things that happen among people represented in your family tree) on the other.
- Find how many generations are listed in Jesus’ natural family tree in Matt 1:1-16
- DELIVERANCE QUESTIONER is enclosed- fill out the questioner carefully, understanding that through them you will discover traits in your family line.

Chapter Four

Family Pattern

This is defined as the way things happen in a particular family. In science we are told that if everything is equal, the atmosphere has what is called Standard Temperature and Pressure (STP). This means that if nothing and nobody takes any action that interrupts the way things are going, the atmosphere will always remain at a particular temperature. This also holds in the matter of the family tree. In some families some situations or factors have taken control of the family and charted a particular course for members of the family. If nothing happens to change the course of things, the members of this family will all follow the course. This course or direction may be good or bad depending on what has initiated them.

One of the things that determine the course a family takes is the lifestyles of the ancestors of this family. We have to take example of two men from the USA. I got this from the internet and felt it is a good example for what we are to study here. They are Jonathan Edwards and Max Jukes.

Jonathan Edwards' Powerful Example of Leaving a Godly Legacy

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Leaving a godly legacy for your children should be the goal of all Christian parenting. Although the faith and godliness of your children is ultimately the work of the Holy Spirit, God often uses the influence of parents to make a great impact on their children.

A great example of this is Jonathan Edwards, the Puritan Preacher from the 1700s. Jonathan and his wife Sarah left a great godly legacy for his 11 children.

At the turn of the 20th century, American educator and pastor A.E. Winship decided to trace out the descendants of Jonathan Edwards almost 150 years after his death. His findings are astounding, especially when compared to a man known as Max Jukes. Jukes' legacy came to the forefront when the family trees of 42 different men in the New York prison system traced back to him.

Jonathan Edwards' godly legacy includes: 1 U.S. Vice-President, 3 U.S. Senators, 3 governors, 3 mayors, 13 college presidents, 30 judges, 65 professors, 80 public office holders, 100 lawyers and 100 missionaries.

Max Jukes' descendants included: 7 murderers, 60 thieves, 50 women of debauchery, 130 other convicts, 310 paupers (with over 2,300 years lived in poorhouses) 400 who were physically wrecked by indulgent living.

It was estimated that Max Juke's descendants cost the state more than \$1,250,000.

This is a powerful example showing how a parent's leadership can have a profound effect on their children.

We deduce - Predisposition

The above accounts portray two men, one a Godly Christian, the other a dubious sinful man. There could possibly be one or two negative persons in Jonathan Edwards's family but they are tilted to the positive end because of where they are coming from in their family tree. The members of Max Jukes family may likewise, have one or two positive persons on the family tree but they are tilted to the negative. Something in their make tend to drive them to the pattern of their family tree. People from Jonathan Edwards' family will find it easier to be believers than those of Max Jukes. Likewise members of the latter family will struggle more in life than those of the former.

In studying the family tree we have to look out for common attributes in the family. These attributes may be good or bad. We say that because a person comes from a particular family background, he is predisposed or has a tendency to or is inclined to have a particular trait, behavior, diseases, or conducts. In the case of Timothy as in 2Tim1:5, it was a positive disposition which he was not walking in them as at the time. In verse 6-7, Apostle Paul refers to Timothy's spiritual root which he got through being Paul's convert and protégé.

I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. 2 Tim 1:5-7 NIV

Timothy inherited faith from his natural root and inherited the spirit of power, love and self-control spiritually from Apostle Paul. When the traits in the tree are positive like is Timothy's case, we do not have problems with that. We even encourage people to yield to them. The challenge and warfare starts when the traits are negative, as is the case with the Pharisees that Jesus rebuked. Fleshly efforts to change from these traits end in futility as Jesus opined.

Woe to you, because you build tombs for the prophets, and it was your forefathers who killed them. So you testify that you approve of what your forefathers did; they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs. Because of this, God in his wisdom said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and others they will persecute. Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all. Luke 11:47-51NIV

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. And you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of the sin of your forefathers! "You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell? Therefore I am sending you prophets and wise men and teachers. Some of them you will kill and crucify; others you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town. And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berehiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. I tell you the truth, all this will come upon this generation. Matt 23:29-36 NIV.

Here we see Jesus call some men making efforts to honor dead prophets, **PROPHETS KILLERS**. It is now important for us to see what runs in our family tree.

Predisposition is the tendency a person has to act in a particular. From what have been said above, a member of Jonathan Edwards' family is predisposed to end well in life. He is likely to succeed and occupy leadership position. Somebody from Max Juke's family is likely to fail and likely to end up a drug addict.

Factors traceable from the family tree

It is not always that these patterns are very clear; in some cases one has to look very close to discover that what is happening has become a pattern as we see in the following account.

Now there were seven brothers. The first one married and died without leaving any children. The second one married the widow, but he also

died, leaving no child. It was the same with the third. In fact, none of the seven left any children. Last of all, the woman died too. Mark 12:20-22 NIV

In this scriptural account we see the pattern in this family of seven men. At the time of this account, both parents were dead. If they had sisters they were also dead.

Patterns in this family included Poverty; that is why even the seventh brother had to still marry the same woman, Impotence or childlessness, premature death and desolation. It is interesting to note that spiritual leaders at the time were blind to the evil pattern running in the family. And because they could not observe that there was a problem, they saw no need to look for a solution; rather they used it as a subject for theological argument. It is a pity there are still ministers of the gospel who still operate like this. They keep arguing that there is nothing like evil spirits, some argue that a believer cannot be affected by generational problems or evil spirits. Yet, there in their midst are people facing the problem.

I once went to minister in a church that did not believe that a believer can suffer from demonic harassment; their pastor had come to our school and discovered that they were wrong. In the course of the teaching on spirit husband and wife, an elder in the church, asked me loudly, “does this kind of thing happen today?” to the surprise of all the church, five women openly confessed that they were at that time facing the problem.

There is need that congregations should make time for deliverance services when they bring in ministers who understand the trend to help the church. In some churches, because of fear of bringing in ministers that will teach what they don't believe, they do the teaching themselves. It is ok to do the teaching yourself but understand this is not the area of grammar but power. A pastor was almost killed after trying to teach what I teach. One minister in the city I live died mysteriously after a powerful conference that hosted great ministers of the gospel. I did not tell these stories to scare you but to let you know that you have to prepare yourself spiritually if you want to operate in this realm. If you know you are not ready to pay the price, then bring in somebody who can.

Generational stronghold

Stronghold here should not be mistaken for stronghold of the mind (thought pattern) which we refer to in this school as MINDBOUNDAGE. Here we mean the likely areas which traits in the family are to surface. If a man with A-S genotype marries a lady with A-S genotype we say medically that they have tendency to produce sickle cell sufferer. This law is automatic and will take only a miracle to change it. In taking note of this a believer who knows he is a sickle cell carrier and then goes to marry a sickle cell carrier is presumptuous. Please note that we are using this for example. Those who have believing

parents or relations as believers should take note of traits in these brethren's lives. Paul also thinks that believers should take note of ethnic, tribal and racial backgrounds.

Even one of their own prophets has said, "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons." This testimony is true. Therefore, rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith Titus 1:12-13NIV

I don't believe that Paul made this statement because he hates Cretans, after all, he labored in their land, planted a church there and left a pastor to carry-on his labors. I believe he was telling Titus what to do if he wanted his work in Crete to succeed. Note the factors he pointed out; liars, violent people (brutish), lazy people who loves pleasure. I have been to many communities who fit this description. He did not only point out these things but also recommended a solution; when they show that tendency, Titus should rebuke them harshly. Having worked in that region, Paul believed that is the way to help them. A believer from this region can help himself by taking note of these ungodly tendencies and then do his best to avoid them. Once the pastors in the city I live had a meeting and observed that none of us have a faithful man from that community in any of our congregations. Their women came to church but also quite unreliable. A believer from that region can take note of the tendency he has to fall back and take steps to help him stand firm.

Some common strongholds in people's lives

Broken homes, prostitution, suicide, madness, laziness, drunkenness, drug addiction, polygamy, poverty, poor academic performance, interest in occult and mysticism.

From the above points we can now see that we as Christians need to pay attention to our family tree. Our family tree determines how far we can go in life, even as believers and ministers of the gospel. Where we see things that are wrong we can make the tree good (Matt 12:33-34) by rooting out the bitter roots that could defile and trouble many (Heb12:15) and make efforts to walk in positive dispositions.

Does it mean New Testament Bible supports the study of family tree?

We had noted earlier that Matthew's account of Jesus Christ started with genealogical record. Several places Paul referred to himself as a Jew and traced his genealogy. Yes! Several references are made to the effect of family tree and how it affects people in matters relating to God. Even our Lord Jesus Christ was discussed by no less a person than Apostle Paul with regard to his roots.

Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Rom 9:5NIV

If the part of the dough offered as first-fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches. Rom 11:16 NIV

New Testament bible agrees that activities of our ancestors can have effect on our today life

One might even say that Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham, because when Melchizedek met Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his ancestor. Heb 7:9-10 NIV

Here the bible says that if Abraham had stolen money from Melchizedek, it would have also gone to the account of his future generations. A good understanding of this course will help us in dealing with generational sins, curses and blessings.

Chapter Five

Watching factors that affect the family tree

From the Old Testament through to the New Testament Bible made several references to the family tree and generational inheritances. Bible supports the fact that a person's family pattern will influence the person.

The family tree of Joab who was chief of army staff under David

May his blood fall upon the head of Joab and upon all his father's house! May Joab's house never be without someone who has a running sore or leprosy or who leans on a crutch or who falls by the sword or who lacks food." 2 Sam 3:29 NIV

Joab had been involved in what may be termed today as extra-judicial killings which had angered David the king. Being in an office David could not easily punish him, he pronounced a curse on Joab. Unfortunately, the terms of this curse extended to the future generation of Joab.

Pattern in Joab's family tree - Running sore or leprosy (this may also include diabetic sores), disabled to depend on walking aides, violent death in war or careless discharge - there are many accounts of people who died when the guns went off in accidental discharge) and then extreme poverty.

In the course of duty as a deliverance minister, I have come across families where the ladies cannot marry no matter how beautiful or rich they are. I have

seen a family where members just go blind at a particular age and their wife will abandon them, I have seen a family of seven men and four of them were disabled through one accident or the other. I have seen families where poverty forced them to sell off all their landed property and most of them died without proper burial. As I write this now I am handling the case of a woman who has been eight years in the mortuary; two of her children that tried to bury her have died.

While filling out the deliverance questionnaire, clients are encouraged to look out for family patterns, mostly evil family patterns. Good understanding of one's family pattern will help that one to look for areas to concentrate in prayers and counseling.

"Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. Matt 12:33NIV

Make the tree Good;

A tree is recognized by its fruit – A close look at the persons and how things happen around them and their relations will tell us the kind of family they are coming from. The Lord Jesus Christ and the Bible teach that family trees are determined and influenced by persons on the tree. Family trees can be made good by members of the family turning a positive leaf. When Abraham obeyed God and walked out of his idolatrous roots to build a godly generation he was influencing his family tree for good. When he rejected the offer of the king of Sodom and then paid his tithe to Melchizedek he prepared ground for positive patterns in his family. He resisted the temptation to polygamy even though at his time men married many wives. He resisted temptation to cheat anybody or steal what belonged to another.

In the same way when people in a particular family tree begin to seek the true God by giving their lives to Christ, destroy idols from their homes and change their attitude to their spouses, they make their tree good and open doors for positive things in their tree.

It is needful to point out that what you do today may not have immediate visible effect on your family tree but it will pay off in the future. The many promises of God to Abraham were not fulfilled in his life time but today even the Christian church are connected to that blessing. Family members are advised to look to the future as they consider the effect of their action on their family tree.

Examples of positive traits in the family tree-

Positive traits include born again, promotion in place of work, kingship or political leadership, self-employed to own ones company, fruitfulness in

marriage, prosperity in life ventures, success in ministry and career, academic success and attracting favor from people.

Make the Tree Bad

There are also examples where people from a good family tree dabble into things that corrupt their family trees. When people, especially believers turn to idolatry or occult, they influence their family for evil. Cultism, rape, murder, human sacrifice, robbery, oppression of the poor and bearing false witnesses against innocent people are among the many things that pollute a family tree. Many lawyers and auditors keep wondering why children they spent millions to train will turn out to be evil persons that even threaten their lives. Some pastors block the marriage of young women in their churches and divert the suitors to marry another person. In future you see their own children struggling under some things they do not understand.

Examples of negative traits –

Negative traits include occult practices, witchdoctors, witchcraft, rejection, broken marriage, barrenness and fruitlessness in marriage and life ventures, intellectual dullness, poverty and failure in every venture; laziness, prostitution, armed robbery, terminal diseases, homelessness, suicide and premature death, etc. Note also what is called Missing Lineage; a case where a member of the family goes off and nobody can tell where he is or whether he is alive or dead, is also part of the traits of a Bad Tree.

Before a trait can be added to factors of a family tree, it must be observed in more than one person within at most five years in the family tree. That one lady just have problem in her marriage should not be considered as a factor in the family tree. Again, there are factors that may appear different but are related. For example, broken marriage is related to prostitution. Prostitution is related to selfishness, greed and laziness.

How ancient covenants and curses govern members of the family tree

Example of the Gibeonites

We have discovered through our deliverance ministry that generational sins, errors and covenants govern the family tree.

Then Joshua summoned the Gibeonites and said, "Why did you deceive us by saying, 'We live a long way from you,' while actually you live near us? You are now under a curse: You will never cease to serve as woodcutters and water carriers for the house of my God."

They answered Joshua, "Your servants were clearly told how the LORD your God had commanded his servant Moses to give you the

whole land and to wipe out all its inhabitants from before you. So we feared for our lives because of you, and that is why we did this. We are now in your hands. Do to us whatever seems good and right to you."

So Joshua saved them from the Israelites, and they did not kill them. That day he made the Gibeonites woodcutters and water carriers for the community and for the altar of the LORD at the place the LORD would choose. And that is what they are to this day. Josh 9:22-27 NIV

The above account shows how some of our ancestors yoked their posterity in to torturous covenants. The Gibeonites had to choose between death and servitude. The only way to continue to live was by accepting to be slaves. This decision began to govern their generations. That is how some ancestors sold their posterity to demons of the sea because they were looking for deliverance from another enemy force. Some women because of search for fruit of the womb covenanted the yet to be born child to serve marine spirit. From the example of the Gibeonites we can see why we must be careful how we condemn our ancestors. They did not have the light we have today; there were no gospel ministers, bible or freedom of choice as we have them now. So when faced with such challenges, they followed the only available option, which in turn results in the trouble many families are facing today. When their children grow up they discover that a particular force will resist their coming to a particular height in life. Yet, some discover they have been given in marriage to a particular deity. This is one of the origins of spirit husband/wife problems. (Read my book, How to Overcome Spirit Husband/Wife Problem) In some families somebody must serve at the shrine of the deity. Some have even died trying to break free from some things in their life. Further study in the bible shows that God stood as a witness to this covenant.

Here is another account when parents eager to have their evil desires fulfilled roped their children into generational curses.

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!" All the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!" Matt 27:24-25 NIV

By the statement of these people, they implicated their posterity into their crime. Their children will now carry the judgment of murderers about, even though they have killed no body. In both cases the people concerned will begin to notice things otherwise considered as strange happening to them. This is because their ancestors have polluted their family tree. This will manifest in different kinds of sufferings among the family members. I have often heard some people say, "I have confessed all the sins I can remember

and even the ones I am not sure I committed but this problem persists". It may not be your sin directly; it maybe as a result of generational sins.

Example of the Levites

One of the factors that govern the family tree is covenants; that is if the ancestors of the family had entered into some covenants

"And now this admonition is for you, O priests. If you do not listen, and if you do not set your heart to honor my name," says the LORD Almighty, "I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have already cursed them, because you have not set your heart to honor me.

"Because of you I will rebuke your descendants; I will spread on your faces the offal from your festival sacrifices, and you will be carried off with it. And you will know that I have sent you this admonition so that my covenant with Levi may continue," says the LORD Almighty. "My covenant was with him, a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him; this called for reverence and he revered me and stood in awe of my name. True instruction was in his mouth and nothing false was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and turned many from sin.

"For the lips of a priest ought to preserve knowledge, and from his mouth men should seek instruction — because he is the messenger of the LORD Almighty. But you have turned from the way and by your teaching have caused many to stumble; you have violated the covenant with Levi," says the LORD Almighty. "So I have caused you to be despised and humiliated before all the people, because you have not followed my ways but have shown partiality in matters of the law." Mal 2:1-9 NIV.

In the above account we see God acting as a witness in an ancient covenant between Him and Levi the ancestor of the Leviticus priesthood. The terms of the covenant were spelt out; the priests of that order were to teach the truth to the people and show reverence for God in matters of the law. They were never to accept bribe or try to pervert the dispensation of the law as they interpret it whether in passing judgment or settling disputes. They were also to watch their lifestyles so that their attitudes do not bring insult on God and His people.

On God's own part, He was to give them life and peace. He was also to bless them and honor them among the people. This also meant that priests from this lineage were to grow old in life and if any man antagonized them, God will rise to their defense. God would also prosper them in every way.

The time came when the generation of Levi, who was dead and buried, began to do things contrary to the terms of that covenant; they began to cheat and lie. They began to give teachings (vs 8) that were contrary to the truth revealed in the word of God. Take note of God's reaction to these violations in verses 2, 3 and 9

1. God cursed their blessings
2. God will send a curse upon them
3. God will rebuke their descendants by making their ways to be hard
4. God will spread the offal of their sacrifices to their faces- instead of their prayers bringing them peace it will cause more trouble and the good works will bring evil rewards.
5. God will cause them to be despised and humiliated among the people

By this it means that God will turn to become their enemy instead of their friend. Hence, members of this family will find themselves struggling where others succeeded because God will be resisting them.

Take Note

This is easily understood and appreciated because we are talking about God. How if this covenant was with some demons or occult society? Some of our ancestors had ignorantly entered into covenants with some demons that manifested as family guides and business aiders. After a time they stopped walking in the terms of the covenant or they die without spelling out the terms of the covenants. In some cases the children go in to a more civilized society and discover the foolishness in such covenants and then reject them. Can you imagine a covenant that demanded that one of the daughters in the family must become a shrine priestess? How do you explain to a graduate from an American University and convince her to obey such? The result is that some terrible things begin to happen in the family; things caused by the demons that had made the covenants with the ancestor of the family tree to draw attention to themselves. It is not always with the ancestor of the family. One of the members of the family can go and bring in an idol into the family because he hoped the idol will protect and prosper him. The result is that children of that person and the entire house where the idol is brought are implicated in the consequence of that covenant on two fronts; they attract God's wrath and suffer from the judgment from the demons.

Chapter Six

Paying your ancestors bills - Blood Guilt

What it means is that every drop of righteous blood ever spilled from the time earth began until now, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was struck down between altar and sanctuary, is on your heads. Yes, it's on the bill of this generation and this generation will pay. Luke 11:50-51 THE MESSAGE.

The above scripture paints a vivid picture of what it means to inherit judgment from our ancestors. If this statement was made by less a person than Christ Himself, we may treat it lightly. The generation Jesus was addressing was to inherit blood guilt from more than two thousand years behind. And God was to make them pay for the innocent blood their ancestors shed.

In Africa we see this kind of thing in some families where their ancestors have been involved in ritual murder, human sacrifice, slave trade and other related evils. As we go through the family tree that this account represents, we begin to see people suffer for what they cannot explain.

What are the kinds of things people under blood guilt suffer?

- a. Missing lineage – Restless wanderer
- b. Refugee situation
- c. War and violence in their land
- d. Poverty of a kind that force them to sell off their family asset
- e. Rejection everywhere they try to associate with people
- f. Failure at the point of breakthrough
- g. Insanity
- h. War within the family

This is to mention but a few. People under blood guilt are really in trouble. When people shed blood, it is an affront on the God of creation, and the blood so shed cries out to God's court for vengeance. It is God that avenges blood and He only can forgive bloodshed.

The Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth." Gen 4:10-12 NIV

Take note of what this scripture says-

1. Blood does not die even after the person is dead. Abel was dead but his blood was still crying out to God for vengeance
2. No matter where the dead is covered and his blood buried, God can still hear the cry of blood
3. Blood demands vengeance at the highest court; God's court
4. Bloodshed attracts curses
5. The curse for bloodshed will bring failure at every point of endeavor
6. God's creation resists somebody under the curses of bloodshed and they don't cooperate with him - ***When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you.***
7. Those under judgment for bloodshed end up as fugitives or restless wanderers
8. God punishes the sin of bloodshed Himself

And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man Gen 9:5 NIV

"Do not pollute the land where you are. Bloodshed pollutes the land, and atonement cannot be made for the land on which blood has been shed, except by the blood of the one who shed it. Num 35:33 NIV

The sad thing in the case we are discussing is that according to Jesus Christ, the people that had shed the blood have died and long forgotten but their children were being called to pay for the sins of their ancestors. The result is that we begin to see most of what is mentioned above as the consequences of the sin of bloodshed in the life of those who never shed blood all their life.

To show how serious blood guilt is, even people who are not sure who committed the sin are asked to make atonement

If a man is found slain, lying in a field in the land the Lord your God is giving you to possess, and it is not known who killed him, your elders and judges shall go out and measure the distance from the body to the neighboring towns..... Then all the elders of the town nearest the body shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley, and they shall declare: "Our hands did not shed this blood, nor did our eyes see it done. Accept this atonement for your people Israel, whom you have redeemed, O Lord, and do not hold your people guilty of the blood of an innocent man." And the bloodshed will be atoned for Deut. 21:1-2, 6-8 NIV.

Chapter Seven

Altars and generational spirits

Altars are places of sacrifice and points of meeting between a particular deity and his worshippers. There is a process to building one and the processes may vary from one race or religion to the other. God gave a specific instruction on how to build his altar to Moses

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites this: 'You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven: Do not make any gods to be alongside me; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold.

"Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you. If you make an altar of stones for me, do not build it with dressed stones, for you will defile it if you use a tool on it. And do not go up to my altar on steps, lest your nakedness be exposed on it.' Ex 20:22-26 NIV

The instructions may be summed up as such –

- a. God hates idolatry even when it is targeted to glorify Him
- b. He prefers to speak to His worshippers rather than resort to dead images representing Him in any guise.
- c. It is ok to make or build an altar as a place of interaction and worship of Jehovah
- d. This altar can serve for sacrifices, worship and prayers
- e. God intends to meet His people at the altar dedicated to His Name
- f. The altar that God honors must be simple and flat
- g. God does not want His worshippers to carry out complex processes and religious rituals on the altar they worship Him.

Other gods may have the pattern for building their altars; some demand human sacrifices, some demand to have their altar beside the water side, yet others may want them on the hills. So every altar you see is a meeting place between the spirit it represents and its worshippers.

At times people neglect an altar and so no sacrifices are offered on them for a long time. There is the temptation to conclude that there is nothing else happening at the altar. This may not be correct in all cases, as we shall see here.

Abraham erected an altar when he entered the Promised Land.

From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord Gen 12:8 NIV

After more than hundred years, his grandson stumbled on some pieces of stones. Exhausted as he was, he decided to use the stones as a pillow. Guess what happened;

When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz. Gen 28:11-19 NIV.

The stones of this altar would have been scatted but the God of the altar still recognize the location as a contact point. This is one of the many reasons people are advised not to take issues relating to altars lightly. God Himself never took them lightly as He instructed the Israelites on what to do as they enter the Promised Land. He instructed them to make sure that they destroyed all altars and places of worship. As long as the altars still existed, the gods of those altars still have certificate of occupancy in that land. You may not agree to it but even God says it is so.

This is what you are to do to them: Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles and burn their idols in the fire..... The images of their gods you are to burn in the fire. Do not covet the silver and gold on them, and do not take it for yourselves, or you will be ensnared by it, for it is detestable to the Lord your God. Deut 7:5 and 25 NIV.

These are the decrees and laws you must be careful to follow in the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess — as long as you live in the land. Destroy completely all the places on the high mountains and on the hills and under every spreading tree where the nations you are dispossessing worship their gods. Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and burn their Asherah poles in the fire; cut down the idols of their gods and wipe out their names from those places. Deut 12:1-3NIV.

What are the reasons we must root them out?

- a. It is certificate of occupancy to demons of the altars.
- b. The oldest altar rules the land; they still influence the land as long as they remain.
- c. Platform for evil spirits to recover the land even after their worshippers are gone
- d. It demands worship. In my part of the world you hear educated men suddenly going to the village to serve at idol altars.
- e. They continue to demand their sacrifices, which in some cases are human blood, if it is not offered willingly they begin to cause havoc that could result in death and other calamities.
- f. It is base of generational demons that harass people in the city. Once at Nungua in Ghana, I saw this kind of altars serviced by very old women.

We have to take uncompromising view at idols, idolatrous altars and images that depict strange gods. If you are not able to destroy them now, have it in your heart as a priority.

Chapter Eight

Occult Covenants on the Family Tree

The term occult simply means secret or hidden and appeals to man's desire to know things that others do not know. It is inborn in man to search out things. In fact, God knows that man is like that and that is the instinct that would compel him to try to develop his environment and breakthrough unsearched territories. This instinct was put there by God to make man seek God, pursue His ways and remain in the presence of God. This in turn will bring man peace and joy.

Unfortunately, man decided to use this instinct for selfish reasons. Man started using the instinct to seek secrets that is not in God's direction. Instead of pursuing God, man began to pursue other sources. Instead of using the instinct to seek ways to develop his environment for his enjoyment, he began to seek hidden power to control his environment and fellow human beings for his selfish end. Instead of seeking to uncover things that benefit everybody, he determined to get power that will make others his slaves.

The result is that devil took advantage of man. Satan promised to grant him such powers and to protect him. But he does not promise that to only one person; he promises many people the same thing while deceiving each person that he is the special one and above all else. Hence, you hear of more than hundred persons confessing that they were second in command to Satan before they repented. The result is that diabolic powers are let loose on mankind. In the midst of the confusion man is now involved in endless search for power and knowledge not because he wants to be better and happy but that he would be most powerful, the richest, the most influential, the most popular, the most feared, the most revered, the most..., the most.... And it goes on and on.

At last he discovers that all the dreams he had been pursuing are not only unattainable but also that in the processes of getting his dream to control the world, he had been yoked into many covenants which have harsh terms of punishment if he desires to break free from them. The man discovers that in his search for freedom and control he has become a slave.

Before the coming of the gospel of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, all men were hopeless in this situation. They watched as Satan and his demons messed up their whole lives. Men sacrificed their children to add a few more years on earth. Some sacrificed their fertility and their spouses to retain the wealth they cannot enjoy. Some discovered too late that the knowledge they gathered have further alienated them from the life they would ordinarily love

to live. So man was promised freedom but unfortunately found himself in bondage.

Since the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ came, many people have reached out and received salvation and deliverance from all these forces of darkness. Initially most people doubted the possibility that they can be delivered. But when some people took the risk and survived it, many more people are now renouncing the occult and embracing Jesus Christ.

The many-headed evil called Occult

Seeking to unveil hidden things is God breathed but occult as we know it today is satanic. Many people in this generation do not know that most scientific discoveries that have bettered our lives over the years were made by God fearing Christians. But a time came when men began to seek shortcut to hard work. That was when occult stepped in. Just like the devil their master, occult societies are full of deceit and do not keep their promises, no matter the disguise they come by. There are so many kinds of occult societies and we will not go into naming them so that this book will not lose its direction. Yet, let it be noted that the occult is of the devil and cannot help anybody but continually leads to more and more bondage.

Some people playing around the bothers of occult say that it is harmless, and some of them were actually founded by church people and priests. These church people are those who never set their heart to discover the limitless power in the Name of Jesus Christ. It is necessary to note also that up to date, some churches don't operate on the power available to the Christian. The result is the wandering from coast to coast in search of what God has made available in the church. The words of Ezekiel are most appropriate in this case.

You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. Ezek 34:4-6 NIV

Absence of teaching on the power of God to heal the sick, deliverance for those in bondage and carelessness on the part of those who claim to be servants of God, made the people of God to go about seeking power where there is no power. Like the octopus, the occult soon trap their victims with their tentacles all over them. That is when the person discovers the truth but only at the point of no-return. For every stage of the occult, there are oaths and each oath carries terms of punishment if violated. Subtly the seeker is asked to involve

their children and generations yet unborn into the terms of the covenants which are sealed in secrecy. When the man who made the covenants eventually dies or rendered insane so that he cannot maintain the terms of the covenants, the evil spirits turn to the children over the terms of the covenants which their father or mother made on their behalf. These demons begin to demand submission from the children. One of the ways they express themselves is by sending the children all kind of problems.

These manifest in the family tree in different problems that could include madness, failure at the point of breakthrough, barrenness, miscarriage, poverty, indebtedness, late or delayed marriages etc. The only way out is that the members of this family tree break these covenants.

Effects of Curses on the Family Tree

Curses manifesting through the family tree is most appropriately pictured in this scripture –

"What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: 'The fathers eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? Ezek 18:2 NIV.

This is also another kind of “Paying your ancestors bills”. Whichever way, it is correct; children suffering for the consequences of the sins of their ancestors. Below is the account of a man who suffered like that.

To Abiathar the priest the king said, "Go back to your fields in Anathoth. You deserve to die, but I will not put you to death now, because you carried the ark of the Sovereign LORD before my father David and shared all my father's hardships." So Solomon removed Abiathar from the priesthood of the LORD, fulfilling the word the LORD had spoken at Shiloh about the house of Eli. 1 Kings 2:26-27 NIV.

There is a lot of history attached to the above scripture. The first is that mentioned in the scripture fulfilling ***the word the LORD had spoken at Shiloh about the house of Eli***. Abiathar just lost his job, but the present occurrence was connected to the word the Lord had spoken many years ago when the ark of God was still in tents in Shiloh. This was before Israel ever asked God for their first king, before David was born. If we try to do some calculation, it was more than hundred years ago. We may conclude that Abiathar lost his job more than hundred years before he was born.

Eli's sons were wicked men; they had no regard for the LORD. Now it was the practice of the priests with the people that whenever anyone offered a sacrifice and while the meat was being boiled, the servant of the priest would come with a three-pronged fork in his hand. He would

plunge it into the pan or kettle or caldron or pot, and the priest would take for himself whatever the fork brought up. This is how they treated all the Israelites who came to Shiloh. But even before the fat was burned, the servant of the priest would come and say to the man who was sacrificing, "Give the priest some meat to roast; he won't accept boiled meat from you, but only raw."

If the man said to him, "Let the fat be burned up first, and then take whatever you want," the servant would then answer, "No, hand it over now; if you don't, I'll take it by force."

This sin of the young men was very great in the LORD's sight, for they were treating the LORD's offering with contempt. 1 Sam 2:12-17 NIV

Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. So he said to them, "Why do you do such things? I hear from all the people about these wicked deeds of yours. No, my sons; it is not a good report that I hear spreading among the LORD's people. If a man sins against another man, God may mediate for him; but if a man sins against the LORD, who will intercede for him?" His sons, however, did not listen to their father's rebuke, for it was the LORD's will to put them to death. 1 Sam 2:22-25 NIV

Now a man of God came to Eli and said to him, "This is what the LORD says: 'Did I not clearly reveal myself to your father's house when they were in Egypt under Pharaoh? I chose your father out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, and to wear an ephod in my presence. I also gave your father's house all the offerings made with fire by the Israelites. Why do you scorn my sacrifice and offering that I prescribed for my dwelling? Why do you honor your sons more than me by fattening yourselves on the choice parts of every offering made by my people Israel?'

"Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: 'I promised that your house and your father's house would minister before me forever.' But now the LORD declares: 'Far be it from me! Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained. The time is coming when I will cut short your strength and the strength of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your family line and you will see distress in my dwelling. Although good will be done to Israel, in your family line there will never be an old man. Every one of you that I do not cut off from my altar will be spared only to blind your eyes with tears and to grieve your heart, and all your descendants will die in the prime of life.

"And what happens to your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, will be a sign to you — they will both die on the same day. I will raise up for

myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his house, and he will minister before my anointed one always. Then everyone left in your family line will come and bow down before him for a piece of silver and a crust of bread and plead, "Appoint me to some priestly office so I can have food to eat." 1 Sam 2:27-36 NIV

Break down of the curse on Abiathar's father's house or family tree

- a. A bleak future when the Lord will cut short the strength of the members of the family
- b. Premature death, so that there will not be an old man in the family. I have been to community where the oldest man in every family is not unto fifty years. In some cases, the oldest man was below thirty years.
- c. Distress in God's dwelling; in some cases they will be believers and even serving as ministers but their life will be full of trouble
- d. Poverty in a situation where others are flourishing. This also I have seen, where the whole community is overflowing with prosperity but one family group cannot feed themselves. At times the other members raise money to help them stand up to no avail.
- e. Those manage to stay alive are spared to see trouble
- f. Ministers of the gospel from this lineage are cursed with abject poverty.

Note the use of the word, "family line". Abiathar was from a family tree which God had rejected and pronounced curses of extinction on them; they only live to expire from God's people. Why? Ancestors had done badly in God's service and God passed judgment on them. In today's context one may say that Abiathar and his people are always in the losing team. If they joined a political party, their party lost the election because of their presence as is the case for which king Solomon relieved him of his job. One time Israel was involved in a war under King Saul but the army could not make head way until Jonathan separated from the company where Abiathar's family line held the priesthood, even though the whole army was on a fast. Then, and only then, could Israel secure victory. (1 Sam14). At another occasion, Abiathar's family lost more than eighty priests besides their wives and children, who were killed by King Saul on false charges because the terms of the curse had said that all his family line will die in the prime of life. Abiathar continued his ministry under David but when there were some conflicts in the royal family, Abiathar was on the side that lost the case. The result was that Abiathar lost his job. All this is because of the curse on his family tree. Notice also how far his own righteousness could carry him - ***You deserve to die, but I will not put you to death now, because you carried the ark of the Sovereign LORD before my father David and shared all my father's hardships.***

This account supports the reasons why it is important to give careful consideration to traits, patterns and history of our family trees and to take

possible steps to resolve negative covenants and curses before we come to the point Abiathir found himself.

Chapter Nine

Iniquity that runs in the family tree

This is one of the most difficult challenges in deliverance and spiritual warfare principally because there are no definite human solutions to it. We refer to it as inborn tendency to commit some particular kind of sin. Some describe it as a “bend” in somebody’s soul or nature. The illustration is like a piece of long wood on which an ant is climbing. The ant will naturally continue on a straight line as it remains on that tree. But because the said piece of wood has suffered a permanent wound at a point and therefore bent, the ant is forced to turn toward that bend or fall off. To be fair to some people who find themselves in a particular sin culture, this is their situation; they either bend or break.

David experienced this pain and lamented his limitation to resist it.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Ps 51:3-7 NIV.

Some schools of thought believe that king David was born out of wedlock. I feel like accepting that view. Considering that the day Prophet Samuel came to anoint a king for Israel in his father’s house, nobody considered him worthy of joining in the preparation for the consecration. Even his father did not mention him. I believe that if his mother was anywhere nearby the house, she would have contested for her son. At that time and throughout the Old Testament children born under such condition were considered disadvantaged – illegitimate children. More than this, we have to look at the factor that led his father to having a child outside wedlock when he had his wife. I want to believe that David having noted what he experienced as a son outside wedlock would have sworn never to let a child from his loins go through that. But we see that circumstances came up that resulted in David sleeping with another man’s wife. It turned out that she was not the wife of an ordinary man but one of his most trusted and faithful soldiers.

David owning up for what he did was equivalent to accepting to die because that was what the Law of Moses demanded. Faced with no other option, he arranged for the man’s death through his chief of army staff. By that he implicated the army in the sin and by extension all Israel. The implication is

that Israel lost the ground of righteousness which was necessary to continue to enjoy God's support. David knew that unless something happened to purge the sin, it was a matter of a little time, Israel will begin to fail where they once succeeded. More than everything else, he understood that this thing has to do with his kind of person; the organic composition which can only change through a miracle. He used very strong words to explain this problem; ***sinful at birth, sinful from when my mother conceived me***. He was implying that that sin was not what he had learnt from his neighbor's children or by reading a book or watching movies. Yes, any of these possibly helped to fire this fact but they were not the root cause. He then asked God for cleansing. We read this story in 2 Samuel 11 to 12.

David was forgiven but with a clause that said, "The sword that killed Uriah is now in your house". Uriah was the man David killed and took his wife. He was so excited about his forgiveness that he forgot to ask what this sword was and how to stop it from killing more people. In the future the pressure for immoral sex compelled his son Amnon to rape his daughter right under his roof. Another of his sons seeking retaliation killed Amnon and slept with David's wives on top of the roof while everybody watched. Battle for political power led to the killing of children from legitimate marriages in David's house and Solomon, the son from the illegitimate relationship, ended up succeeding him.

This is a perfect example of how this iniquity in the blood works; its victims are at its mercy. Some call it Adamic nature. I don't agree with that. Adamic nature influences all men alike and is inherited as judgment for sin. But in this case, it is the urge for an individual to commit that sin. In Adamic sin, you are guilty whether you commit sin or not, but in this case, you have to commit the sin to be guilty of it. In Adamic sin, children are pronounced guilty even while unborn, in this case children are not guilty until they commit the sin. Iniquity runs in the blood. So we see David's children in it.

Not only David but even Abraham. Abraham did everything within his power to resist becoming a polygamist, even after he got a son from Hagar he never accepted her as a second wife. But delay in child bearing put him under strong pressure. Isaac faced this pressure but also resisted it in the consequence that he had only a pair of twins from Rebecca. But Esau and Jacob summersaulted into it. In fact, Jacob had an abominable kind of polygamy, in that he married all the women in his in-law's house. Abraham lied about his wife and called her his sister and Isaac did the same.

The man of God, Apostle Paul, confessed to his struggle with this iniquity and paints a vivid picture of what it is like.

We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that

the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do — this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Rom 7:14-24 NIV

To some believers, this is the least to say about a believer. They believe that once one gives his life to Christ all struggles vanish. If they notice that someone still struggles like this then they say that that person did not really give his life to Christ. I want us to observe what may be considered as the difference between this kind of person and the unbeliever. The believer struggling with this knows he is in a battle and is desperately looking for a way out. The unbeliever does not see anything wrong with it; for him it is a normal way of life.

How it manifests

There is no particular way it manifests in all men. In some it may be sexual immorality, to others it may be lying, some maybe violent temper, yet among others it maybe possessiveness or addiction to alcohol or drugs. This kind of factors have ruined relationships and shattered careers that would have otherwise blossomed. In this list we may include drunkenness and greed. When these are seen in the life of ministers of the gospel, it is painful to observe. But the most important thing is to recognize their presence and confess them to a matured Christian who will then support the victim to the point of victory.

10 Suggested routes to deliverance from iniquity in the blood

This is a major deliverance case that calls for maturity on the part of the deliverance minister. This is more when the client maybe somebody who has been a long time in the Christian faith.

- a. Acknowledge this problem; don't down play them or begin to see them as part of your life. They are improper for a child of God. This calls for personal discipline
- b. Call the sin by its biblical name. Call unbelief, unbelief; don't call it carefulness. Call greed, greed; don't call it hard working. Call immorality, immorality; don't call it a mere human weakness. Call

rebellion, rebellion; don't call it, "I don't take nonsense". As you do this, you weaken the control of the forces pushing them.

- c. Accept the fact it will take conscious effort from your side to obtain victory; don't throw up your hands in the air and say, "Satan pull me, God pull me; whoever wins can take me". Accept responsibility for your life. If you don't God will not be engaged in a fight over a man who does not value himself. He created you a free moral being. Your choice matters.
- d. Confess it to the Lord in persistent prayer; morning, day and night. Don't stop crying out to the Lord. Keep the prayer on, until you obtain victory.
- e. Don't quit the gathering of believers no matter what stigma the challenge has placed on you. With the presence of holier-than-thou Christians, there is a tendency to flee. But understand that most of them are facing their own challenges but keeping them under cover. Church is a place for people like you; remain there. There may be need to move over to a congregation that has what it takes to help you.
- f. Go to prayer meetings and conferences. These are places God can surprise you with a visitation. I have heard testimonies in my conferences of people who merely walked in to observe, and God resolved very serious issues in their lives.
- g. Ask for daily infilling of the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit has the purging power to purge your heart, soul and body. Some have experienced one time cleansing in the place of prayer
- h. Believe what the bible says you are, rather than the poor image the devil will want you to hold about yourself because of your challenges. God sees you in Christ Jesus as a saint and His beloved. Hold to that opinion. At times when you want to preach, the devil will bring up the picture of your weaknesses; silence him by letting him know that Christ died for you even while you were still a sinner.
- i. Use your experiences in this situation to minister to others facing similar challenges. You will find many people like yourself all over the place. It will help them understand that their problems are human factors. In some parts of the world, there are clubs for former addicts. These clubs are good because victims of all kinds of abuse and addiction meet to hear others tell their stories. By this, sufferers and victims learn from others and learn new keys to victory. You will do well to join them.
- j. Tell your family about it. If David had opened up to his children about his struggles, perhaps, Amnon would have known what he was struggling with and how to fight back. Parents should understand that it is best to reveal their weaknesses to their children, because those children will obviously have the same traits in their lives. It is one of the ways to guide them to a more fulfilled life than they, the parents, had.

Chapter Ten

How to correct or heal a bad family tree

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chron 7:14 NIV.

Most people, in talking about them or dealing with issues from their family tree, do not understand that they are as guilty as their ancestors. They condemn their ancestors and call them wicked. Look back again to the case of the Gibeonites, what would you have done differently if you were in their shoes? Another point is the fact that both God and demons do not see the difference between you and your ancestors. We see that in the case of Abraham paying his tithe to Melchizedech. That means that your sounding negative against them is not helping you. It is for this reason we are to look out for the right ways to deal with it.

From the above scripture we can rightly conclude that one can be a believer and still find himself in a cursed land or family tree. Some evangelicals have taught their followers that once one gets born again that is the end of any trouble. You can read more of this in my book, "How to be Delivered and Remain Delivered".

We can also rightly conclude that the starting point in seeking deliverance is to become genuine child of God; that is that you get born again. It further implies that efforts to get free from generational curses and strongholds without first giving one's life to Christ are in vain. This lesson is both for the deliverance minister and the person seeking deliverance.

We can also see that family or land liberation is not done in haste if we want to have results. It says we should humbly seek the face of God in prayers. It should be done in solemn assembly - the family needs to tell themselves what they are looking for, have a season of family prayers both individually and collectively. This is where it becomes necessary to bring in a land liberation expert. Many hungry people go about today as liberation ministers but they do not understand what is involved.

When people come to us; we issue them two kinds of forms, one is the personal deliverance form. We advise them to ask at least three members of the family to fill their own.

Secondly we give them a family liberation form; this one asks question about the family and their history. Through this forms we are able to see where this family got it wrong.

Let us take the points one after another –

God's people – This promise is not a general one. God is specific on the people who qualify for it. In today's context, if somebody deliberately refuses to give his life to Christ, he loses the benefit of this promise. I have been to a family where members said I should go ahead and minister to them now so they can be free from the problem, but that they will consider giving their life to Christ later. In another one the man of the house says he is a Muslim but will allow me minister to his wife in his absence.

Don't misunderstand me; we are not talking about preaching to somebody and taking steps to draw that person to make a decision for Christ. In dealing with covenants and curses in the context we are talking, we are dealing with spiritual personalities in the person of the demons. Those altars your parents erected are supervised by evil spirits. When you hear them pour out libation to your ancestors, they are dealing with familiar spirits that masquerade as ancestral demons. These demons have knowledge and desire to retain you in their bondage. So if you are not sincere in getting your deliverance, you end up harming yourself the more.

You are dealing with institutions – When we violate covenants we have made either with God, men or even demons, there are natural forces that enforce the curses attached and defend the terms of that covenant. Moses said to the Israelites

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses Deut 30:19 NIV.

And that brings us to the last point; ***Turn from their wicked ways***

Turn from their wicked ways

Before I go on to guide you on processes for covenant or curses breaking, let us dwell briefly on the matter of turning from our sins. I have been to prayer meetings where this scripture is quoted and the audience is encouraged to mouth confession of sins, after which the coordinator announces that God has forgiven their sins.

While I do not question whether God actually forgave the sins, I mean to point out the scripture above seem to suggest something more than that. Take note of the verb, “Turn” and then, “From”. Observe also the object from which they were to turn from, “their wicked ways”. We can see now that this says more than praying. Those seeking family, land or community deliverance or liberation should understand that God demands a more pragmatic approach to the process. They were to note what may be considered as “Wicked ways”.

Let me mention a few here.

- a. **Idolatry** – This is one of what may be considered the worst sin before God. God hates idolatry passionately; the Bible have shown how He punished His chosen people because of it.

There are different manifestations of idolatry in Africa. They include,

Masquerade dances - This would not have been taken seriously if the masquerades in Africa are not linked to traditional idol worship. Heathen festivals and marriage rites; in some communities young virgins are asked to walk naked through the market square in honor of their gods or as part of identification to maturity as directed by family deity.

Burial rites – most burial rites in Africa have to do with recognizing familiar spirits and ungodly covenants. In a case where a woman is asked to drink water used in bathing her late husband. In some cases incantations are made talking to the corpse and clothing it in a special way.

Pouring of libation to ancestors and sacrificing under trees and major roads.

This may include marriage rites that force the young couple to buy gifts for family deities and dead relations.

Coronation processes that forces the new king or chieftaincy title holder to go into the forest at night to carry out rituals and sacrifices to evil spirits.

Human sacrifice and indeed any kind of sacrifice to anything not the almighty God is idolatry.

- b. **Businesses that harm other people’s life and wellbeing** – yes, some businesses are wicked practices. Among these are dealers on

hard drugs, night clubs, beer parlors or bars, human trafficking, slave trade, fraud, prostitution etc; those who do such businesses are undermining the wellbeing of others. The Lord did not ask those who practice them to just confess their sins but to turn from them

- c. **Oppression** – If those who seek deliverance are such that have snatched lands and properties from poor people, they must return them. If the men are such that have put women in family way and thrown them out, they must make amends. If the women are such that oppress house helps and apprentices, they must turn from those ways. This also includes lawyers and judges who traverse justice. All these are wrong before God and man.
- d. **Extortion of money from people** - In some communities people are extorted as they want to build on their land. Police officers, lawyers, administrative heads in offices and schools who take bribe or ask for sex in the place of discharging their function must repent from them.
- e. **Disregard for God** – This is different from the rest above in that it means neglecting God’s commands. For example, those that don’t go to church, pay their tithe and those that don’t support in propagating the gospel in any way. When people sit at home or go to their secular businesses on Sunday, they are actually showing disregard for God.
- f. **Hatred for each other** – In some families, it is alarming to note the kind of hatred they have for each other. Brother betray brother and the rich members don’t show any kind of assistance for the less privileged. Some of these could be part of the family curse and drives members of the family to undo themselves. In such cases, the rich members go through horrifying experiences, while the poor roam the streets in search of food. The rich then accuse the poor of being a wizard who is bewitching the members of the family. The poor accuse the rich of being a ritual money maker who has used up the destiny of the poor members. All these create a harsh environment that enables the devil to continue to torture members of the family. In seeking liberation or deliverance, they must change their attitude toward each other. I can suggest a peace gathering before the day for liberation prayers.

Chapter Eleven

Liberation Proper

The liberation team should take note of the seriousness of this transaction and take care that all things be done in order. You may not see them, but it is needful to note that all the spirits involved in the covenant transaction are very attentive at this point. Remember also the power of divine authority that rests upon you at this point. In some cases, you will be standing before living things like python. In other cases there will be some violent wind or other signs that the demons involved in this transaction are reacting against the process. This calls for proper discipline and preparation before indulging this process.

One thing you must not tolerate is fear; the God who commissioned this team and that asked the people to return to Him is also in attendance in the person of his angels.

The following scripture can be an example of the kind of situation we are describing.

All the people of Israel mourned and sought after the Lord. And Samuel said to the whole house of Israel, "If you are returning to the Lord with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." So the Israelites put away their Baals and Ashtoreths, and served the Lord only. Then Samuel said, "Assemble all Israel at Mizpah and I will intercede with the Lord for you." When they had assembled at Mizpah, they drew water and poured it out before the Lord. On that day they fasted and there they confessed, "We have sinned against the Lord." And Samuel was leader of Israel at Mizpah. When the Philistines heard that Israel had assembled at Mizpah, the rulers of the Philistines came up to attack them. And when the Israelites heard of it, they were afraid because of the Philistines. They said to Samuel, "Do not stop crying out to the Lord our God for us, that he may rescue us from the hand of the Philistines." Then Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it up as a whole burnt offering to the Lord. He cried out to the Lord on Israel's behalf, and the Lord answered him. While Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle. But that day the Lord thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites. The men of Israel rushed out of

Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth Car.

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the Lord helped us." So the Philistines were subdued and did not invade Israelite territory again. 1 Sam 7:2-13 NIV.

As I already stated earlier, there is the need that the family members would have filled and submitted the personal and family (community) liberation forms before the day marked for liberation prayers. At least five individuals should fill their personal deliverance questioner in a community and then the elders should collaborate in filling the community form. It is needful to re-echo that the head of the family is important in carrying out a covenant breaking exercise. I doubt the effectiveness of such exercise which by-passed the head. If the head is not converted yet, then do any other kind of prayer and keep trusting God to touch the head of the family. In my own case, the eldest man became critically sick and within the period of his sickness he gave his life to Christ. I personally spearheaded the liberation.

The members of the family or community should understand the seriousness of what is about to take place. There is one instance when family members just rush in and want the exercise rushed through so that they can go back to their businesses. To say the least, this is an abuse. This contributes to the several complaints that the liberation exercise brought in no change. Would you rush to the court that way and tell the magistrate to hurry up? The process is not a mere ritual, it is a prayer prophetic action; it calls for sober reflection and repentance.

Just like in the medical profession, abuse of process or treatment worsens matters. Better not try than to try and complicate matters. Understand that demons who parade as familiar spirits are also sensible beings. They are likely to take steps to do more harm to the family.

Placing the family on a fast for a period of time not less than three days and not exceeding fourteen days is necessary to prepare the mind of the people. The deliverance team ought to know that they should be ahead of the family spiritually in fasting, prayer and listening to the Lord. The many cases of ministers who suffered attacks are as a result of taking these matters lightly. In one case in Nigeria, the whole liberation squad was found dead by day break in the house of those they went to deliverance. Do not look at liberation as a means of making money. If the family does not show seriousness, please ignore them and use your time for something else. And then do not be surprised about those who just hop about carelessly and seem to suffer no hurt. A lot of them are Satanists masquerading as ministers of Christ. Unlike the servants of

God, they are not out to help the people but to feed themselves and serve their master the devil. In Nigeria today, most witch doctors, marine-spirit agents, white garment churches, mystics and occult medium have all changed their outward appearances now and mounted sign board of churches. Since deliverance ministry is the area that deals with pressing human needs, this is where they major. But God will handle them in His own time.

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. 15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve. 2 Cor. 11:13-15 NIV.

In most cases they are agents to the evil spirits afflicting the people. So the demons just open a door for his servants to eat. It is sad that these are the ones giving the deliverance ministry a bad name. Thank God the scripture said they have an end.

So like we were saying, there is an end for them. The people or family seeking deliverance should be weary of these kinds of ministers who serve you the gospel at your convenience. It will obviously not profit you.

There is the need to let the people know that the process may result in a lot of changes. There may be need to destroy symbols of idolatry, cut down trees or groves where shrines used to be and destroy pots, jewelries and any other such things. There is a provision in our form for the family heads to sign the undertaking. The reason for this precaution is because it may happen that after the liberation, some unbelievers in the land begin to quarrel over the shrines and other things you destroyed. There is also possibility that people quarrel over property or money issues which ordinarily would not concern the deliverance minister, and they want to drag you into their conflict. The undertaking should indicate that you did what you did because the leaders mandated you to do so. Also settle with them that you will destroy those things. Please, don't keep those properties in your church, office or center so you can show up with it.

Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Utterly abhor and detest it, for it is set apart for destruction. Deut. 7:26 NIV.

If they show sign that they have not really decided what to do about their past, then let them go and make up their mind. No need for rush.

Identification Prayer of Repentance

The first step in family liberation is the general preaching of the gospel of reconciliation and salvation. Even if the whole family members are reportedly believers, you must still preach this gospel to the family as an entity and the members and the land itself invited to accept the Lord Jesus Christ. It may sound ridiculous to preach to the land but there are several instances where the Land was addressed as an entity. Perhaps you are born again but your family as an entity is not. And that unregenerate root is your root. A tree can shade its branches and yet recover, but it cannot change its roots. In the same way you cannot change your root. Whatever was done by your ancestors, you share in their guilt. I said this to help you understand what we are about to discuss now. There are two bible characters that had a good understanding of this, so were able to pray their generation out of divine judgment.

Daniel's Prayer of Identification

So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:

"O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. "Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame — the men of Judah and people of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. O Lord, we and our kings, our princes and our fathers are covered with shame because we have sinned against you. Dan. 9:3-8 NIV.

Nehemiah's Prayer of Identification

When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. Then I said:

"O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the

people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's house, have committed against you. Neh. 1:4-6 NIV.

I want you to note how these men identified themselves with the sins of their ancestors. There was no account of Daniel committing any sin in the bible but yet he identified with their sins. That also goes for Nehemiah.

Model Prayer of Repentance

Oh, Lord, good and faithful God. We thank you for sending your son Jesus Christ into the world to die for our sins and reconcile mankind to you. We the members of (family or community name) have gathered today before you to make peace with you. We ask you to forgive our sins of.....

- a. Idolatry***
- b. Hatred***
- c. Wickedness etc.***

(The Liberation questioner and deliverance form come in handy this time, because from them you can note some sins the family need to confess)

We as a family collectively regret our sinful ways; we repent of them and here renounce them.

I ask you our God to forgive our sins and to cleanse from all the consequences of all such sins, through the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader of the liberation team can now come in and pray for the people and confess the Lord's word of mercy, grace and forgiveness over them.

Dedication of Family (Land).

In this regard we have a prophetic action we carry out which the Lord have always honored over the years. The head of the family or community stands in the center with his hand cupped to receive the sand from other members of the family. If they are so many, he can be given a bowl. We ask the family members to pick a pinch of sand each from the ground and pray like this –

This is my portion of this family's earth. As I hold it in my hand I acknowledge my right to do whatever I wish with them. I also acknowledge the right God has given to me to determine who to serve or submit to. So I willingly hand this land over to my family head to transfer it into the hand of Jesus Christ.

(They all pour their pinches of sand into the hand of the family head).

The family head then pray like this

Our great and everlasting Father, we thank you for your faithfulness and the privilege you have given to us to return to you. Having in my hand our family (community) in token as this collection of earth, I as the family head here now hand it over to (the head of liberation team) with the intention he will hand it over to you, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

This art is by our free will and we as a community will stand by it. We desire that our family (community) henceforth, be recognized and addressed with regard to this present day's transaction in Jesus Name.

The leader of the liberation team now collects the collection of sand from the family head and pray like this –

Here in my hand is a token representing this family (community), having been handed to me as a servant of God most high, I hereby received this family and with this collection of sand erect a hip.

(He should have had a bottle of olive oil which he pours over the heap). By this anointing, I seal with they have spoken over this soil. I break every term of contract that have existed before between this family and this altar. I revoke oath they or their ancestors have made on their behalf. I declare them null and void. I destroy every yoke or hex hovering over this family in Jesus Name.

I dedicate this family on to the Lord Jesus Christ and His government. I declare it an abomination for anybody to try to revive this renounced covenant. Whoever shall try that shall be doing so on his own account and may our God destroy such person, in Jesus Name

..... family (community) is hereby, this day dedicated to Jehovah in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I sack all evil spirits and their agents and influences and enthrone the government of the Lord Jesus Christ in this family in Jesus Name.

(Choruses).

Chapter Twelve

Time to pull down

You would have noticed that I have said nothing about pulling down shrines and other ancient altars up to this point. This is because it should not be the first thing. I strictly advise that placing the people under solid spiritual grounds is of utmost important. This is because just as I have always pointed out, demons are sensible beings. They have the capacity to retaliate. The result of this may be catastrophic if the people are not firmly established.

It will not be out of place to extend the period of the prayers to more than one day. In the process of preaching the word it may be discovered that a member of the family needs to bring something he has in another city because of its connection to the liberation process. There may also be need to properly baptize somebody by immersion, especially the head of the family who happens to be very important for this process. It is important that we note that the liberation process can go ahead without anybody else. But if he is not there, the process is null and void. So preparing him is very important,

The people can now be led to the shrine, grove or family altar. Where it is impossible for everybody to go, some family or community elders should escort the family or community head under the leadership of the head of the liberation team. When they get there a prayer of renunciation should be said before the shrine, altar or whatever is to be destroyed.

Here is a model prayer that could be said by the family or community leader on behalf of the people after a brief charge by any of the ministers in the liberation team. It re-echoes the authority the community, family or any body of Christians have to destroy the works of the devil –

Oh, our God, we thank you for the authority you have bestowed on us as Christian believers. Our ancestors (in a case it is the person who made the ungodly covenants that is renouncing the altar or whatever, the presentation will change to suit that.) have made these altar and established the covenants that established them. The bible clearly states that we were in their body when the said altar and its transactions were made hence we are the ones that made them.

We stand today to declare that we are no longer interested in the ways these covenants and what they represent. The bible permits us to choose whom to serve. We have chosen to serve Jehovah.

Therefore, we renounce you (the name of altar or whatever) in the mighty Name of Jesus Christ. We reject you and separate our self henceforth from any ties we have had with you. We free our generation from your control and deny you of any right or ground you have held in this community before this day.

After this prayer, we are never to address you as our god, guardian and whatever title you have among our people, in the great and powerful name of Jesus Christ.

We reject and renounce you..... (names of whatever).

We reject and renounce you.....

We reject and renounce you.....

We reject you all in the powerful Name of Jesus Christ.

We thereby, permit (name of the leader of the liberation team) and his team to pull you down and totally destroy your altars. By the power in the blood of Jesus Christ, we are free from any repercussion attached to destroying you and renouncing your covenants and oaths, in Jesus Name!

He may plead the blood of Jesus Christ several times

(The leader of the liberation team will stand out now to pray for the people and address the altar in preparation to pull it down.)

By the authority in the Name of Jesus Christ, while I stand on the authority of God's word that mandates me to destroy all abominable altars and everything that is contrary to the way of our God, I come against you.....

I take the first step in pulling you down and destroying you.

(He shall strike now and start pulling down whatever. Others can now join him.)

Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. Acts 19:18-19 NIV.

They burned them publicly; they did not keep them in their church halls for advertisement. Don't be afraid to burn them. Go ahead and destroy them completely.

Erect a more proper altar

There is no place for vacuum in both the spiritual and physical realm. Once you remove their former altar, you must replace it with God's altar. That means the days of festivals to their gods should now be reverted to the true God. Sacrifices and tributes should be given over to the true God. If there was not such day, they should be encouraged to choose one, when the people will gather every year to celebrate their deliverance from bondage to the enemy.

Is there a biblical support for this?

Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. Then build a proper kind of altar to the Lord your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second bull as a burnt offering." Judg. 6:25-26 NIV.

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the Lord helped us." So the Philistines were subdued and did not invade Israelite territory again. 1 Sam. 7:12-13 NIV.

That was also the reason for celebration of the Passover by the Jews. In a place where there is no living church, the community can be encouraged to accept the planting of a new church. Most deliverance ministries don't have interest in pastoring a church. In a case they do not have a denomination of their own, search can be made for a bible believing church, who can come in for a follow-up. I insist that you must not leave a vacuum.

What is the most proper time to carry out liberation?

There is no time that is exceptionally special but I have always carried out liberation exercises in the night. That does not mean that God answers prayers more in the night hours. But I like to point out too that I learnt by experience that there are evil spirits that do not manifest by day. So because there will be need to minister deliverance to individuals in the family or community, night hours are more suitable. Yet, I insist that this should not become a doctrinal issue.

Lastly

Yes, lastly prayers and deliverance ministration should be carried out on people. Expect great things to happen because after such processes, the legal ground for most problems in the family should have been broken. In one case, a member of the family who had been mad for years, miraculously recovered. Businesses that before were failing, recovered. Healing took place and some women who had been sterile suddenly discovered that their menstrual flow commenced immediately. In fact, it is generally observed that the Lord will do things as a sign that He has received His people back to Himself. These are all signs that the demons holding the family bound have lost their hold.

Praise God!

It is important to note that some issues in the family would take time to resolve but the people also should be warned against returning to ways of life they have renounced during the liberation prayers. They should also be reminded that God does not reward laziness and that wrong choices will obviously bring wrong results. So liberation prayers will not take the place of their using their senses.

Change of Name

Should the family change their surname? We have seen some have resorted to change their surname as a way to escape the problems associated with their family tree. Even though I am not against this, it seems needless to me. If I may ask, "Do demons ask your name before they attack you?" "Does a curse go through your register at work before working against you?" Of course, the answer is No! So there have to be a better and more proper way to heal our family tree. The bible makes it clear that we can heal our family tree. However, if the name represented the dethroned god and renounced ways of life, then we have to change it.

There are others who change their names without due process. This is common in Africa where there is rarely proper genealogical documentation in government registry. Understand that someday their children may find it difficult tracing their roots. This may create unforeseen problems for them. I don't know of any bible example when somebody changed his surname. But if you must, please follow due process by passing through the proper process for change of name. Some names we regard in the bible are not really wonderful in their meanings. But because the one who bore that name succeeded, people pick that name. Some even take senseless names thinking that will change their destiny. I have heard names like Great, Rich, Dominion, Excellent, to

mention but a few. These people suppose that when people call them like that, then things will turn around for the better. Beloved, take time and work on your family tree.

What I have put down in this book is my honest opinion on how to resolve issues associated with the family tree. I don't claim monopoly in the knowledge in this regard but what I stated here are things I have tried and seen a high degree of success

Chapter Thirteen

Frequently Asked Questions in Relation to Family Liberation

1. How if I am the only believer in the family, how do I go about liberating the family?

The most you can do in that case is to continue to pray that God will draw your people to see their need for deliverance. If you are the oldest member of the family or kindred, you can exercise a level of authority over the family. Your position authorizes you to represent them before God. So you can do something close to liberation while representing the family. It is the same condition when elders pour libation on behalf of the entire family. But it will be more wonderful that there is a gathering

2. Must all the members of the family gather for the liberation?

Not necessarily. Some who live very far away may not be able to come but we need their consent. The very important person is the head of the family. If it is community liberation, each represented family should provide a representative. Yet, it is a great privilege if all members are able to gather. It is a sign of seriousness.

3. How about a situation where all the family members live in the city, can it be done in the city?

It is not even healthy when all family members live in the city and don't visit their home town. In a case there is crisis in the village, something like war or communal crisis, it should be seen as an exception. But if the family has migrated to another place, then their present base should be seen as their home. It is right to mention at this point that it is stupid and ignorant for a family to desert their home town because of demons and witchcraft. That is more reason why you should go there. For as long as your root is under bondage, you are not free.

4. Some deliverance ministers ask people to go and bring sand from the village; how do you see that?

If that is what the Holy Spirit asked him to do, I don't have quarrel about that. But I should think that land liberation is part of conquering of territories for Christ. When you liberate the land, you free the people living there to serve God. There may be altars in the home town to pull down and the land has to be addressed. There may also be one or two persons who may come to Christ if it is done in the village. I am sorry to say that my generation is a selfish one. People generally are concerned about their own wellbeing. So when you talk about what may profit others, they see it as strange and waste of time.

Nevertheless, if the reason you are packing sand is because you are unable to provide means of transport for the deliverance team and family members, I leave you with the Holy Spirit to guide.

5. As a married woman, should I be part of family liberation in my father's house?

It is optional and you have to get your husband's permission. When we build family tree in the School for Deliverance and Spiritual Warfare, women have often raised this question. There may be issues in your husband's house which have to be resolved by joining in prayers there in your father's house.

6. Apostle Paul condemned the discussion of genealogy; why worry about them?

So that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work — which is by faith. The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith 1 Tim 1:3-5 NIV.

I don't believe that the Apostle Paul was actually focused on the family tree here. I rather see it that he was discussing people who have gone overboard in proving how rightly they are connected to Jewish roots. Apostle Paul in several places mentioned his genealogical lineage.

7. How do you see going to pray at the grave of our ancestors?

Well, it depends on what you are looking for there. Your ancestors are no longer there, only dry bones. Let me warn that mystics parading as servants of God are bringing several occult practices in to the church system. Anybody asking you to go the grave or ask ancestors for any kind of help is Satanist

8. What relationship is there between immersion baptism and land liberation? I ask because you teach that the people seeking deliverance and liberation should be placed on solid spiritual grounds

You will have to read my book on baptism, captioned, "Doctrine on Baptisms". I like to state here that it is useless trying to carry out deliverance on someone who refuses to be a Christian. The word Christian simply means someone following after Christ and we know that Christ submitted Himself to be baptized as a full grown man. He said that those who believe in Him should be baptized. More than that, baptism is deliverance from our Adamic roots. Read the rest from the book

9. We have had land liberation but saw no difference; should we have another?

If you read this book properly, you can see that land or family liberation is a covenant breaking process. If it was done properly, there would be no need to do it again. In fact, there can be no place to repeat it. But if you observe it was not done properly you may go ahead and repeat it. Against that, you can have family or community prayer as often as you want. The date chosen for memorial festival for the family can still serve to remind God of your new covenant with him.

10. What is your opinion about spreading salt and oil over the land during family liberation?

I don't spread salt and oil when carrying out liberation. From my observation, I know white garment churches were the people practicing it. Now most of them parade as land liberation ministers and some ignorant deliverance ministers just copy whatever they see others do.

11. My husband has left me and the children but we see the need for family liberation. What should we do?

You did not state under what circumstances your husband left you with your children, but I think it is a difficult situation if you must have a thorough family liberation. If I know the circumstances, maybe I will be able to advise.

12. Having read your books I can see clearly the need for deliverance and family liberation but my church preaches against it. They even place curse on those who will venture out for such with other Christians. What do I do?

Causeless curse will not stand. None of those cursers holds the key to your life. Go for help from other genuine servants of God. If you don't mind, ask the Holy Spirit to direct you where your life will get better.

13. I have faith like the centurion that I can pray from the city and my land can be liberated; is anything wrong with that?

May it be to you according to your faith, but there are things you don't faith about. You can't have faith that unreached people can just repent and become Christians without a preacher. God has determined that we go out to people and preach to them. Those altars in your home town are occupying space; somebody needs to pull them down.

14. While we were bringing out idols and other things dedicated to destruction, somebody refused to bring out his own. How do we respond to that?

The most important idol or shrine is the one covering the whole community or family. Once that is done, any other one does not have influence on the public. I always mention in my liberation prayers that

anybody keeping back anything or who will go after now to revive what we as a group have destroyed will bear the consequence alone and will suffer alone for the sin. It happened when we had our community liberation and that was how we handled it.

15. Can we invite more than one liberation team?

It is ok but the team leaders should be told before they come in that there is another group. In that case they will have some time to discuss on how to go about the program.

16. Bible said that freely you receive, freely you give, but some liberation teams charge money; how do you see that?

You have not quoted that scripture as it is written. The same place says that a laborer is worthy of his wages. It is true there is a lot of abuse by people who charge exorbitant fees for prayers and liberation, and we condemn it. It is also needful to point out that, it will be hard to get commitment of people in the liberation team if there are no laid down structures to meet their material needs. There are occasions the team has to travel more than three times a week; that implies leaving their businesses and families. If it turns out that they are not able to meet up with everyday need, they will leave the team, and then there will be no team to meet other people's needs. I have not been able to place charges on people but the point I mentioned here is the principal reason why the team must discuss terms. I have tried leaving it to the people to do what is right, and have discovered that none have done what is right.

17. We did not have the information you mentioned here when we carried out our family liberation, so we just discovered that we made many mistakes. For example, we pulled down the idols and altars without properly breaking the covenants. What would you suggest we do?

The best thing to do is to organize another liberation prayer and the team leader should be made to know the challenges you expressed. I believe God will tell him how to resolve it. Nevertheless, God is also very interested in your total freedom.

18. Concerning iniquity in the blood, I know I have that problem. I have fasted, gone for counseling and met many men of God but nothing changed. Please, what do I do?

There is one important thing you might not have done, and that is to throw yourself into the hands of God. A lot of people trust in their fasting and other kinds of human efforts to a degree that overlook God's grace. Try concentrating on God's grace and just keeping the right company.

19. Our father was a very wicked man. To this date our community still look at us as children from a wicked family, we have done everything to remove that stigma but without success. Please, what do we do?

Understand that territorial demons might have taken advantage of the situation and is now torturing you with the spirit of rejection. I suggest you organize a family day of repentance in which you gather and repent for all the wicked things your ancestors have done. After which plead the blood of Jesus Christ over your family, and then in fervent warfare prayer bind the evil spirits taking advantage of the situation. A deliverance team may be invited. Also find out whether there are things your ancestors did that you need undo.

20. I know I was dedicated to a family deity to be a priest, but now I am born again. The demons of that altar are still disturbing and frustrating my life, even though we have destroyed the altar. Please, help me.

Once a priest, forever a priest. The only permanent solution is that you become a pastor. By that you silence the ungodly covenant with a new and better covenant.

Chapter Fourteen

Prayer Topics for Family Tree Issues

First stage

- a. Start by taking time to sing some worship and praise songs to the Lord.
- b. Thank the Lord for granting you the privilege to be alive and do these prayers, take note that some people had died before they could understand what their problems were.
- c. Confess all known personal sins.
- d. Confess all known sins of your ancestors
- e. Confess all known sins of members of your family tree
- f. Plead the blood of Jesus Christ over yourself, all members of your family and over your family tree as an entity.

There is need to mention names and people involved in these sins. Some of them may still be living in that sin but you are standing as a representative, just like Daniel and Nehemiah. Take time in this prayer, calling upon the Lord to forgive and after plead the blood of Jesus Christ several times.

Second stage

- a. I declare that I am into eternal covenant with the Lord Jesus Christ, therefore, I dedicate my spirit, soul and body to the Lord Jesus
- b. I renounce every other covenant I have had before now through the power of the blood of Jesus Christ
- c. I renounce any seal on my body or soul which represent any old covenant inherited from father, mother or my family roots
- d. I renounce any tribal marks seen or unseen regulating those family tree covenants
- e. I renounce every declaration made over my family at the making of such covenants
- f. I renounce every cooperate vow made on my behalf in the process of this covenant
- g. I renounce every family title which I have shared before now as a result of this covenant
- h. I renounce every commitment that have been pledged on my behalf as a result of my connection to my family tree
- i. I renouncing all spiritual inheritances that are mine because of this covenant
- j. I renounce every token I would have inherited through this covenants

- k. I renounce every time and season associated to the maintenance of this covenant
- l. I declare, I separate myself, my children and every thing associated with the family root covenants.

3rd stage

- a. Evil altar speaking from my father's house I renounce and reject you in the powerful name Jesus
- b. I command that any altar operating under cover be destroy by the fire of the Holy Spirit
- c. I silence the voice of every ritual or sacrifices that has been speaking over my life and destiny in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
- d. By the power and fire of the Holy Spirit I command that everything buried in the ground with the intention to regulate my life be consumed by fire
- e. I untie myself from every abominable altar
- f. I renounce the voice of any libation or sacrifice made over any such altars in Jesus Name
- g. I connect myself to the living altar in the third heavens before the almighty God, in Jesus Name
- h. I command that every evil spirit commissioned to supervise all covenant partners of those altars be bound in Jesus Name
- i. May holy angels of God take the place of all demons that have left me in Jesus Name
- j. By the power in the blood of Jesus I break free from every terms of curses and judgment from the covenants on these altars in Jesus Name

4th stage

Predisposition and evil pattern

- a. Lord Jesus I thank you for engrafting me to your blessed root, hence I am no longer governed by the cursed root of my ancestors.
- b. I reject every evil pattern that runs on my father's or mother's family line in Jesus
- c. I reject the pattern of sicknesses and diseases in Jesus Name
- d. I reject the pattern of sudden and premature death in Jesus Name
- e. I reject the pattern of hardship and frustration in Jesus Name
- f. I reject the pattern of poverty and penury in Jesus Name
- g. I reject the pattern of unstable relationships and marriages in Jesus Name
- h. I reject the pattern of failure at the point of breakthrough in Jesus Name

- i. I reject the pattern of spiritual and physical barrenness and miscarriage in Jesus Name
- j. I reject the pattern of broken homes in Jesus Name
- k. I reject the pattern of perpetual servitude in Jesus Name
- l. I reject all negative patterns that govern my family tree in Jesus Name
- m. I connect myself to the pattern of excellence that runs on the blessed lineage of our Lord Jesus Christ in Jesus Name
- n. I welcome the ministry of holy angels that bring favor and grace on my blessed root in Christ Jesus in Jesus Name
- o. I cover myself and family and destiny and all that concern and pertain in the power of the blood of Jesus Christ in Jesus Name

Radical prayers

(Please, before praying the next prayer topics be sure you are not in the wrong, otherwise it will backfire on you).

- 1. Lord you are the authority above all authorities; deliver me from the wicked rulers ruining my life Ecc. 5:8
- 2. Deliver me from those who have set their thrones over my head Isa 51:23b
- 3. Scatter every evil conspiracy against my growth Ps 83:3
- 4. Scatter every evil conspiracy against my establishment Ps 83:3
- 5. Scatter every evil conspiracy and control over my father's house Ps 83:3
- 6. Scatter every evil conspiracy and influence against my ministry Ps 83:3
- 7. Uproot the great tree blocking my advancement in life and ministry Matt 15:13
- 8. Stir-up the whirl wind and blinding dust in the camp of my oppressors
- 9. Break the satanic barrier always standing at the point of my progress
- 10. God of war, arise and defend me for I am your servant
- 11. Lord destroy those who are bent on turning your word into a lie
- 12. Let the heavens and earth fight in my favor because I serve the God of heaven and earth
- 13. God of justice judge between me and my adversaries
- 14. God of justice fight, speak and act in my behalf against those that are too strong for me
- 15. You my God who said I should leave vengeance to you, avenge my father's house
- 16. Lord release the angel that fought the army of Senacherib against my mighty enemies
- 17. Lord remember the tears of my father and mother and act on my behalf
- 18. Lord fulfill your promises to those who will serve you in my family because we are serving you
- 19. Lord turn the glory of those that are oppressing me into shame

20. Lord, destroy the evil limits set-up to keep me poor and small
21. Oh my God open my heavens and send me prosperity
22. Oh Lord enlarge my territory
23. Oh Lord increase my members and prosper those who support me
24. Lord sway total authority over me and my family and ministry
25. Lord release extra-ordinary anointing that will help me serve you better

Sing praises and worship, and then close your prayers. You can do this for three nights.

Prayer against Abiathar's curse

To Abiathar the priest the king said, "Go back to your fields in Anathoth. You deserve to die, but I will not put you to death now, because you carried the ark of the Sovereign Lord before my father David and shared all my father's hardships." So Solomon removed Abiathar from the priesthood of the Lord, fulfilling the word the Lord had spoken at Shiloh about the house of Eli. 1 Kings 2:26-27 NIV

1. Thrown back to the ground from the highest point
2. Permitted to only endure hardship but thrown away in the time of rest
3. Carrying generational curses In spite of the anointing, vision and revelation
4. Living only for the appointed time of death

Prayers -

1. I plead the precious blood of Jesus over every case standing up against my father's house in Jesus
2. I revoke every curse after the order of Abiathar the Priest working against my life and destiny by the power in the blood of Jesus
3. By the power in the precious blood of Jesus I break the power of any recycling spirit working against my destiny
4. I terminate every law, whether written or spoken that only permits me to endure hardship and never to join in celebration
5. I terminate every law whether spoken or written, that permits only to live for the day I will die, in Jesus Name
6. Lord I agree with your word that anointing breaks the yoke. Therefore oh Lord, I refuse to carry yoke of generational curses in spite of the anointing in Jesus Name.
7. Every evil yoke over my life be broken now in Jesus Name
8. I declare that never again will I be thrown down in Jesus Name
9. You obstacles to my advancement, I destroy you by fire in Jesus Name
10. I break the cord that links me to people and things that pull me down in Jesus Name

11. In the name of Jesus Christ, this shall be the last level in my life. As I rise now, I shall fall no more in Jesus Name
12. I separate myself from the curses I inherited from my father's house and link myself to the blessings in the blessed lineage of Christ, in Jesus Name
13. Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, I release myself from every spirit of costly mistake in Jesus Name
14. Lord, cover me with your glory 7x
15. Lord cover me with your fire 7x
16. Lord, push me with your divine speed 7x
17. Lord, fill me with incorruptible grace and anointing in Jesus Name 7x
18. Lord, lead me by your excellent Spirit in Jesus Name 7x
19. Lord may only your will be done in my life 7x
20. I walk in the freedom where with Christ has made me free in Jesus Name

This prayer can be done for three nights. You may fast by day 6-6 and pray in the mid night.

DELIVERANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME (S).....
SURNAME.....
NAME OF KINDRED.....
FAMILY.....VILLAGE.....
TRIBE.....TOWN.....STATE.....
COUNTRY.....RELIGION.....
DENOMINATION.....
AGE.....SEX.....
MARITAL STATUS.....IF MARRIED HOW LONG?.....
NAME OF SPOUSE.....
ARE YOU DULY MARRIED?.....NUMBER OF
CHILDREN.....
ARE YOU BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION?BY WHOM OR
WHERE?.....

(NOTE THAT INFORMATION GIVEN HERE ARE GIVEN TO GOD, WHO ONLY CAN HELP YOU THROUGH US. LYING THEREFORE IS LIKELY TO UNDERMINE YOUR DELIVERANCE. WE ADVICE YOU THEREFORE TO STATE ALL THE TRUTH ABOUT YOURSELF. WE PROMISE ON OUR OWN SIDE TO HANDLE THEM CONFIDENTIALLY).

PLEASE TICK WHERE YOU NEED HELP

PRAYER.....DELIVERANCE.....HEALING.....COUNCELING.....
INTERCESSION.....
FAMILY LIBERATION.....COMMUNITY LIBERATION.....
STATE ANY OTHERS.

PLEASE TICK ONES PERTAINING TO YOU (SINS)

SN		PRESENT	PAST
1	FORNICATION		
2	ADULTERY		
3	LESBIANISM		
4	HOMOSEXUALITY		
5	MASTURBATION		
6	INCEST		
7	MULTIPLE SEX		
8	RAPE		
9	ANIMAL SEX		
10	STEALING		
11	LYING		
12	SELFISHNESS		
13	GREED		
14	UNFORGIVENES		
15	RAGE		
16	ANGER		
17	BITTERNESS		
18	MALICE		
19	OPPRESSING PEOPLE		
20	NUDE DISPLAY		
21	IDOLATERY		
22	MURDER		

ANY OTHER.....

PLEASE TICK ONES PERTAINING TO YOU (EVIL HABITS)

PRESENT PAST

WATCHING PORNOGRAPH
SMOKING
DRUNKENESS
GOSSIP
QUARELSOME
CHEATING
DECEIVING
HYPOCRISY
WATCHING INDECENT MOVIES
LAZY
SOWING DISCORDS
DISOBEDIENCE

ANY OTHER.....

PLEASE TICK THE ONES THAT WORRY YOU.

FEAR.....TORMENTED BY THOUGHTS FROM THE PAST.....HEARING
VOICES.....INTERNAL CONFLICTS IN YOUR
MIND.....EVILTHOUGHTS.....URGE FOR SUICIDE.....NIGHTMARISH
DREAMS.....MASQUERADE IN THE DREAM.....STRONG MEN/ WOMEN
TORMENT YOU IN THE DREAM.....CONSISTANT SEX IN THE
DREAM.....SWIMMING IN THE DREAM.....EATING IN THE
DREAM.....HAVING CHILDREN IN THE DREAM.....FEELING
UNWORTHY.....FEELING HATED BY EVERYONE.....FEELING INSECURE AS IF
SOMEBODY WANTS TO KILL YOU.....SEEING THE DEAD IN THE DREAM.....
ANY OTHERS.....

PLEASE TICK--INVOLVED IN ANY OF THESE?-

ABORTION (SPONSORED ONE).....RAPED OR GROUP RAPED
SOMEBODY.....POISONED SOMEBODY.....WATCHED A MURDER TAKES
PLACE.....TESTED HUMAN BLOOD.....EXCHANGED BLOOD FOR A BLOOD
COVENANT.....CULTISM.....OCCULT.....WITCHCRAFT.....OLUMBA
OLUMBA.....WHITE GARMENT CHURCHES..... SACRIFICED IN THE RIVER AT
NIGHT OR DAY..... YOUR BLOOD, NAILS, PUBIC HAIRS OR ANY OTHER PART OF
YOUR BODY CUT FOR RITUAL.....DEDICATED TO A SHRINE OR SATANIC
ALTAR.....VISITED A NATIVE DOCTOR.....HAD RITUAL SEX IN THE BUSH OR
ROAD.....SLAVERY OR HUMAN TRAFICKING.....SEDUCED A PASTOR OR
CHURCH WORKER.....INDUCED OR ENCOURAGED A CHURCH
BREAKAGE.....CURSED OR WAS CURSED BY A SERVANT OF GOD.....USED
CHARM FOR A BUSINESS OF TO GET A MARRIAGE OR SEX
PARTNER.....INDIAN MAGIC.....CALLING UP SPIRITS OF THE DEAD OR
VISITED CEMETERY AT NIGHT.....BOUGHT HUMAN SKELETON OR PARTS FOR
RITUALS.....DONATED YOUR SPERM OR THAT OF SOME ONE ELSE FOR
RITUALS.....HARD DRUGS ADDICTION.....BAPTIZED UNDER A CULT GROUP
EG AMORC OR GURUMARA HAJI.....
ANY OTHERS.....

PLEASE TICK. BELONG TO ANY OF THESE?

OGBONI.....ECKANKAR.....LODGE.....AMORC.....GRAILMESSAGE.....MO
RMON.....FREEMASON.....TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION.....GURU
ARAHAJI.....CULTISM.....BLACK BRAS.....PALM
READING.....DIVINATION.....FORTUNE TELLING.....SABBATH
PROPHETS.....DAUGHTERS OF JEZEBEL..... MUMMY WATER SOCIETY.....
ANY OTHERS.....

PLEASE TICK ANY OF THESE COMMON IN YOUR FAMILY?

PREMATURE OR MYSTERIOUS DEATH.....BARRENESS OR
MISCARRIAGE.....RUNNING DISEASES OF INEXPLICABLE ROOTS (TB,
STROKE).....LACK OF FAVOUR.....MADNESS.....

LATE OR DELAYED MARRIAGE.....DIVORCE OR BROKEN HOMES.....LACK OF PEACE IN THE FAMILY..... REBELIOUS CHILDREN.....LACK OF PROGRESS.....POVERTY OF A KIND THAT FORCES YOU TO SELL YOUR INHERITANCE.....FAILURE AT THE POINT OF BREAKTHROUGHMISSING LINEAGE (A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY TRAVELED AND HAS NOT RETURNED AND WHEREABOUTS NOT KNOWN).....PROSTITUTION.....OSU CASTE..... NATIVE DOCTOR..... MUMMY WATER PRIESTESS.....ATHEISM..... BLOOD SHED..... ANY OTHERS.....

DO YOU FEEL YOU HAVE SOUL-TIE WITH ANYBODY? (FEEL UNDULY BOUND IN EMOTION TO SOMEBODY THAT SHOULD NOT BE?.....

HAVE YOU USED SPIRIT GUIDE BEFORE? (A SPIRIT BEING RELATING WITH YOU LIKE A HUMAN BEING).....

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY SPIRITUAL CUT ON YOUR BODY FOR A RITUAL PURPOSE OR HEALING?.....

HAVE YOU INVITED A DEMON INTO YOUR BODY BEFORE?.....

HAVE YOU USED ANY OF THESE? SECRET OF PSALMS.....SEVEN BOOKS OF MOSES.....

ANY OTHER OCCULT MATERIALS?

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING RECEIVED FROM A NATIVE DOCTOR OR WHITE GARMENT CHURCH CURRENTLY WITH YOU?.....

IS THERE A COVENANT YOU WENT INTO IN THE PAST BUT IS NOT KEEPING THE TERMS OF SAME?.....

WAS THERE A JUJU PRIEST FROM YOUR FAMILY LINE?.....

DO YOU HAVE A SHRINE IN YOUR HOME?.....

GIVE A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF YOUR PROBLEM.....
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CAN YOU SAY WHEN THIS STARTED?.....
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DOES THIS PROBLEM HAVE MEDICAL HISTORY?.....

PLEASE TICK. HOW DO YOU JUDGE YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE?

SALVATION: - BORN AGAIN..... NOT SURE NOT BORN AGAIN.....

CHRISTIAN LIFE: - FULL OF STRUGGLES..... EXCITING..... AVERAGE.....

PRAYER LIFE: - POOR..... PRAYERFUL..... AVERAGE.....

CHURCH INVOLVEMENT: - POOR..... GOOD..... AVERAGE.....

TITHE/OFFERING: - POOR..... GOOD..... AVERAGE.....

HAVE YOU GONE THROUGH DELIVERANCE/ LIBERATION BEFORE?..... IF YES, WHERE OR UNDER WHOM (NAME OF CHURCH OR MINISTRY).....
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DATE.....

ADDRESS:.....
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...PHONE NO..... Email.....

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY.

NAME OF COUNCELOR.....

DATE YOU GOT THE FILE.....

COMMENT ON THE

CLIENT.....

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PRESCRIPTION:.....

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SIGNED.....

COUNCELOR:.....

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